

what may seem like the bigger problems,' Jaia says, "you have to address the internal problems first." Jaia loves being a big sister. She has a sister, Jaylen, and a young brother named Junior, and she dreams of attending a historically Black college and university.

It is difficult to share your loss and your struggles in public, and Deahmi and Jaia have shown remarkable courage for stepping forward and telling their stories. They have not only reminded us of the terrible toll that violence takes upon our communities, especially our young people, but they have also provided us specific areas of focus to prevent violence and promote better health in our communities. I am grateful for their wisdom and leadership, and I encourage them to continue speaking up. I have no doubt that they will continue to speak the truth and bring about change in the years to come.

The community leaders working in our communities large and small across Pennsylvania improve our neighborhoods and strengthen our communities. Pennsylvanians like Hettie Simmons Love and Gary Horton, who apply their talents wherever they are called to do so, lead our communities through dark times and into a brighter future. Shawn Aleong's fight for disability rights and the right to self-determination inspires me and so many others to join him in the struggle for the civil rights of people with disabilities. It is young people like Deahmi Mobley and Jaia Harrison who muster the courage to challenge all of us, young and old alike, to declare that we must act boldly to end the epidemic of violence in our communities.

I am inspired by the example and the commitment of the leaders who we are honoring this year, and I am sustained in my own work by the knowledge that they stand with me in the fight to bring equity and justice to communities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING GUTHRIE COUNTY QUALITY MEATS

• Ms. ERNST. Madam President, in my new position of ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I will have the honor of recognizing an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. It is my privilege to recognize Guthrie County Quality Meats of Guthrie Center, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week for the week of February 13, 2023.

The hardship imposed on our Nation's small businesses by the COVID-19 pandemic will be remembered for centuries. Under such times of duress, many business owners were forced to adapt their business model in order to

survive. Guthrie County Quality Meats founders Brett Rowley and Grant Sheeder are examples of this adaptability, as they leaned upon their agricultural expertise and created GC Quality Meats on March 2, 2021, in the midst of the pandemic. By the time these partners put their heads together to open their business, Brett had extensive experience in the meat packing industry, as he grew up working in his father's packing plant in northwest Iowa. Grant, meanwhile, grew up in the Guthrie County dairy industry. Grant's family began milking cows in 1996, and a decade later, his parents built a milk-bottling facility where they bottled milk from 2006 to 2022. Both Grant and Brett watched their respective industries change during the pandemic, as consumers stayed away from grocery stores and other large-scale produce markets. Seeing this shift in the business landscape, the two men decided to pivot towards a home delivery service—and thus, Guthrie County Quality Meats was born.

Guthrie County Quality Meats provides locally sourced meat including beef, pork, chicken, and lamb for retail and custom orders in Guthrie County and the surrounding area. From the business' inception, GC Quality Meats has continued to grow. They recently finalized construction on their new butchering facility in Guthrie Center. Since completing their butchering center, the facility has seen great demand and has been booked several weeks in advance. Clearly, Brett and Grant had the right idea when they decided to open Guthrie County's very own meat processor, as both men will acknowledge that it is a service the county had been needing for quite some time.

In addition to their butchering facility, Guthrie County Quality Meats has added a retail site to their business. Inside their store, customers can find just about any meat and poultry sauce, spice, or seasoning they might need. Moreover, both Brett and Grant pay special mind to source all their meat locally and make sure that any product offered inside their retail space has strong Iowa ties. This includes locally baked pies, dried pasta, local honey, and salsa. In addition to the other Iowa products offered in store, ice cream from Grant's family's dairy, Sheeder Cloverleaf Dairy, is always readily available on their shelves. Even as they find new ways to grow and expand their meat processing venture, both Brett and Grant share the mission to ensure that Guthrie County Quality Meats operates as a family business.

Needless to say, agriculture is a monumental part of Iowa's economy and way of life. It gives me great pleasure to see two gentlemen from different sides of the agricultural industry come together to collaborate on a solution for the meat processing needs of Guthrie County. Therefore, I want to commend Brett and Grant for their innovative vision and drive to overcome the supply chain challenges they faced

when building their facilities, in order to bring their business dream to reality. Congratulations to Brett Rowley and Grant Sheeder and the entire team at Guthrie County Quality Meats. I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO LAUREN FINS

• Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise to honor Ms. Lauren Fins for her compassion and leadership in the Savannah community.

Ms. Lauren Fins has dedicated her time to assisting veterans and other members of her community who suffer from posttraumatic stress disorder and other trauma-related illnesses through her organization Fins Animal Training, fondly earning her the title of "home-town heroine" across coastal Georgia.

Over the last 10 years, Ms. Fins has committed more than 1,000 hours of her personal time to training service dogs that uplift people in need across Savannah, and she was recognized with the President's Volunteer Service Award in 2022 for her commitment to this feat.

In addition to her work with Fins Animal Training, she also trains dogs for SD Gunner Fund, a local nonprofit that provides service dogs to people who need them.

In many cases, Ms. Fins has helped dogs grow from young pups to loyal companions who can help support individuals' everyday quality of life, including by helping a person off the floor, pulling a wheelchair, or by picking up a prosthetic limb.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I recognize and commend Lauren Fins for her commitment and dedication to Georgia's veterans.●

TRIBUTE TO TONYA GAMBRELL

• Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise to honor an exemplary member of the Appling community, Ms. Tonya Gambrell.

Ms. Tonya Gambrell serves as the principal of North Columbia Elementary, where she works each day to engage, enrich, and inspire each of her students.

Last year, thanks to Ms. Gambrell's leadership, North Columbia Elementary School was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education for their overall academic excellence and work to reduce learning gaps among their students, a recognition given to less than 300 schools nationwide.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I recognize and commend Tonya Gambrell for her profound impact on Georgia's children and congratulate North Columbia Elementary on this excellent honor.●

TRIBUTE TO JOY HENDRIX

• Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise to honor Ms. Joy Hendrix, recreational specialist and supervisor of

the Frank Chester Senior Center in Columbus, Georgia.

For more than 45 years, Ms. Hendrix has served her beloved community, working for the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department in different roles since she was a high school student looking for a summer job.

The Frank Chester Recreation Center offers a variety of programs for senior citizens to engage in arts and crafts, fitness and sports, and banquets. The center is also a place for local families and children to enjoy outdoor activities.

Joy Hendrix is passionate about promoting health and wellness for all seniors who take advantage of the services the center offers. She represents Columbus' best values and continues to be a champion for seniors in her community.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I recognize and commend Joy Hendrix for her service and dedication to the Columbus community and to the State of Georgia.●

TRIBUTE TO JUNE O'NEAL

● Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise to honor a great champion for young people across central Georgia.

June O'Neal serves the executive director of the Mentors Project in Macon-Bibb County, which matches mentors with young people across central Georgia.

Founded in 1990 by the Education Committee of the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, the Mentors Project aims to help young people who may be struggling.

Mentors work with middle and high school students to help them reach their full potential, providing guidance, support, and encouragement.

Ms. O'Neal leads a team of more than 100 mentors and volunteers who encourage students to work hard and stay in school, and they have dedicated substantial time to give back to others. Today, the program has grown to partner with 14 schools in Macon-Bibb County and has helped hundreds of young people in middle Georgia.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I recognize and commend June O'Neal for her tireless work to support Georgia's youth.●

TRIBUTE TO TYRON SPEARMAN

● Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise to honor a leader of Georgia's agricultural community.

Few are known better in the peanut industry than Georgia's own Tyron Spearman, who serves as executive director of the National Peanut Buying Points Association.

In 1978, Spearman helped initiate the American Peanut Council's Export Promotion program. He has visited a dozen countries promoting the U.S. peanut industry and has served as a two-time chair of the board of directors for the American Peanut Council.

Locally, Spearman is well-known as editor of the Peanut Grower Magazine, which is mailed to 8,000 peanut farmers. In 2013, he was awarded the Peanut Hull of Fame Award, the highest honor in the industry.

Last year, the National Peanut Buying Points Association and several other companies and associations announced the creation of the Tyron Spearman CAES Scholarship Fund, providing support to agricultural and environmental science students at the University of Georgia.

I recognize and commend Tyron Spearman for his lifetime of service and work advancing Georgia's and the United States' peanut industry.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 24. Joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022.

H.J. Res. 26. Joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following joint resolutions were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.J. Res. 24. Joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.J. Res. 26. Joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 185. An act to terminate the requirement imposed by the Director of the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention for proof of COVID-19 vaccination for foreign travelers, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-445. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-739, "Repeal of Outdated and Unnecessary Audit Mandates Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-446. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-740, "Consent for Vaccinations of Minors Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-447. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-741, "High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-448. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-742, "Local Solar Expansion Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-449. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-743, "Senior Nutrition, Health, and Well-Being Equity Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-450. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-744, "Automated Traffic Enforcement System Revenue Designation Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-451. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-755, "Greener Government Buildings Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-452. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-756, "Preserving Our Kids' Equity Through Trusts and Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-453. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-768, "DC Nursing Education Enhancement Program Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-454. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-769, "Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Clarification Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.